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Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Key Decisions represents a wide variety of interests both on the federal as well as state level. Our firm is deeply involved with the economic well being of Montana citizens as well as the clients we serve.

One major opportunity currently available to positively impact the Montana economy is improved access to affordable and advanced telecommunications infrastructure. I believe Modern communications is critical to the health of our Montana communities.

I understand Qwest is filing an application with the FCC to gain approval to offer long distance services. This approval is important to Montana because the elimination of LATA boundaries will provide more competitive telecommunication services. This will help our businesses compete successfully and preserve the financial resources of our non-profits for the delivery of client services. Please review Qwest's application favorably.

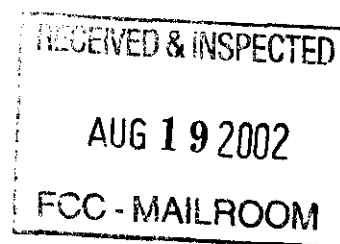
Sincerely,

  
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November 13, 2001

Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

The Montana World Trade Center is engaged in helping Montana businesses develop international markets for their products and services. I think you can understand that we face many challenges in fulfilling our mission and one of those is access to affordable advanced telecommunication services. Not only does it affect our businesses' ability to transact business internationally, but it also affects their domestic competitiveness.

I know that Qwest is seeking approval to re-enter the long distance market. If successful, I believe the additional competition will have the effect of lowering prices - that will be good for Montana businesses. It will also provide Qwest a greater return on its Montana infrastructure investment. I believe that will make it much easier to encourage more investment in advanced services here. Those are the ones that will allow our businesses to compete in the world economy.

I encourage the FCC to review Qwest's application favorably. The earlier Montana enjoys another competitor in the long distance business, the better we can help Montana's businesses flourish.

Sincerely,



Arnold Sherman  
Executive Director

cc: Rick Hays - Qwest



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